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SUBJ: SUBSEQUENT REACTION TO US WITHDRAWAL FROM ILO

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1. REFTEL NOTED THAT SYRIAN MEDIA IN DEALING WITH US WITHDRAWAL FROM ILO RESTRICTED ITSELF TO FRONT PAGE ARTICLES QUOTING REACTIONS FROM VARIOUS QUARTERS. AL-BAATH AND THAWRA ON NOV. 3, HOWEVER, RAN ARTICLE AND SEVERAL COMMENTARIES CRITICAL OF US DECISION. ARTICLE ON PAGE TWO AL-BAATH UNDER CAPTION "WIDE INTERNATIONAL DENUNCIATION EXPRESSED OVER US PULL-OUT FROM ILO," QUOTED NEGATIVE REACTIONS FROM VARIOUS UN OFFICIALS AND FOREIGN DIPLOMATS. ARTICLE ASSERTED THAT DESICSION CAME AMIDST "DIMINUTION OF US ADMINISTRATION'S EFFORTS AND UNCLASSIFIED

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SUPPORT FOR PEACE NEGOTIATIONS IN MEDEAST." US MOTIVATION SAID TO BE UNHAPPINESS OVER ILO'S SUPPORT FOR ARAB RIGHTS AND SYMPATHY WITH PLIGHT OF PALESTINIANS.

2. ONE EDITORIAL CONTRASTED US PROTESTATIONS THAT IS ADOPTING A BALANCED ATTITUDE AS MEDIATOR IN THE MIDEAST WITH ITS "ABORTING OF EVERY MORAL ACHIEVEMENT FAVOURING

THE ARABS INTERNATIONALLY, INCLUDING USE OF THE VETO AT THE SECURITY COUNCIL." US DEPICTED AS CAVING IN TO ZIONIST PRESSURE WHILE ASKING THE ARABS TO CONTINUE MAKING CONCESSIONS IN ORDER NOT TO "KILL" PEACE PROSPECTS.

3. SECOND EDITORIAL VIEWED US MOVE AS ATTEMPT TO PUNISH THE ILO BECAUSE OF ITS ATTITUDE TOWARDS ISRAEL AND ASSERTED THAT US ARREARS TO THE ILO DURING LAST TWO YEARS AND DECREASES IN ITS CONTRIBUTIONS TO UNESCO "PROVED THE THE ORGANIZATION (UN) COULD SURVIVE AND THAT THE PEOPLES OF THE WORLD REFUSED TO YIELD TO BLACKMAIL." ARABS CALLED UPON TO BE CAREFUL AND AVOID TRUSTING "A PREJUDICED PARTY." EDITORIAL CONCLUDED WITH A SLAP AT DR. BREZINSKI'S COMMENTS ON "FACE THE NATION" CLAIMING HE HELD "THE ARABS RESPONSIBLE FOR OBSTRUCTING PEACE EFFORTS BECAUSE THEY REFUSE SURRENDER AT A TIME WHEN THE SENIOR AMERICAN OFFICIAL DEFENDED ISRAEL'S ATTITUDE, DISREGARDING ITS AGGRESSION AND SETTLEMENT ACTIVITIES IN OCCUPIED ARAB TERRITORIES."
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